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Gary R. Morris UNOCAL Corp. 715 Horizon Drive, Suite 485 Grand Junction, Colorado 81506

RE: Public Comment on Proposed Disposal of Vanadium Tailings in the Small Fry Mine.

Dear Mr. Morris:

Attached is a copy of the comment letter on Molycorp's proposal to dispose of vanadium tailings in the Small Fry Uranium Mine in San Juan County. The letter raises several major policy issues regarding the management and disposal of radioactive waste. Accordingly, we will defer any decision on this matter pending the Division of Radiation Control's consideration of these issues. We understand that at the January 29, 1993 Board Meeting there was informal discussion on this matter and that this will also be an agenda item of the next Board meeting. You may wish to contact the Division of Radiation Control for the agenda and schedule of the next Board Meeting.

If you have questions on this matter please feel free to contact John Whitehead at (801) 538-6146.

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler, P.E.

Director

Enclosure

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